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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Kindly amend the claims of the above-identified patent application as follows.

Cancel claims 14 to 16, 25 to 30, 32, 33, 35 to 37, and 40 to 56, without prejudice.

REMARKS

This application is a 35 U.S.C. §371 national stage of PCT/JP01/03965 filed May 11, 2001.

Entry of this amendment prior to calculating the filing fee is respectfully requested.

Dependent claims 14 to 16, 25 to 30, 32, 33, 35 to 37, and 40 to 56 are canceled without prejudice in order to decrease filing fees.

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The subject matter of some or all of the canceled dependent claims may be added to the claims at a later date.

Respectfully submitted,

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